

ART:

NINGEN

ORIGINAL STORY:

YUU MIYAZAKI

CHARACTER DESIGN:

okiura

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A character with long purple hair, wearing a purple jacket with black and white trim and a black skirt with teal accents, is holding a large, dark grey mechanical weapon. The weapon is emitting a bright pink and yellow energy beam. The background is white with faint green geometric lines.

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THE
ASTERISK WAR

CENTRAL
ASTERISK,
MAIN
ARENA—
THE SIRIUS
DOME



YAAAY!

CHAIRMAN
OF THE
FESTA
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE,
NADIATH
MESA



RAAAAAH!





THE
FESTA WILL
ALWAYS BE
THE HIGHEST
FORM OF
ENTERTAIN-
MENT IN THE
WORLD...



...THE
STAGE FOR
INCOM-
PARABLE
EXCITE-
MENT AND
DRAMA...



IT'S
ABOUT
TO START,
HUH,
JULIS...



...YES.

...THE
ONLY CONTEST
THAT CAN
SHAKE YOUR
VERY SOUL!



—THE FESTA BEGINS—



++
ZAWA

++
ZAWA
CHATTER

THE CON-
TESTANTS
IN TODAY'S
MATCHES
WILL NOW
GO TO THEIR
DESIGNATED
...

I'M HERE
AT THE
SIRIUS DOME,
THE STAGE
FOR THE FIRST
MATCH OF THE
TOURNAMENT!

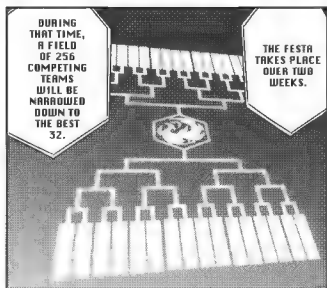


NOW, NOT
THAT I THINK
THERE'S MUCH
NEED—BUT
LET'S GO OVER
THE RULES!



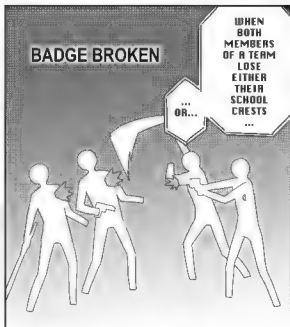
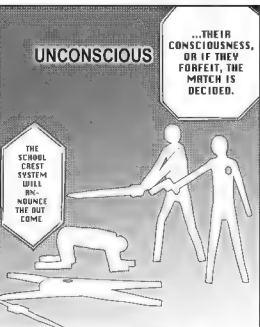
THE
MATCH WILL
BE CALLED
BY YOURS
TRULY, MICO
YANASE,
ANNOUNCER
FOR ABC.

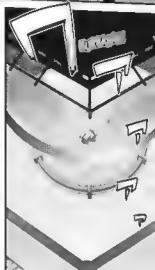
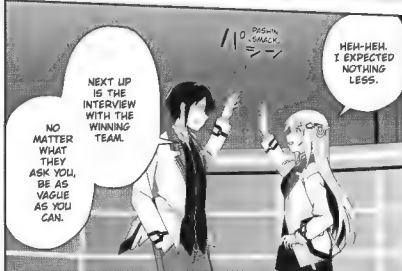
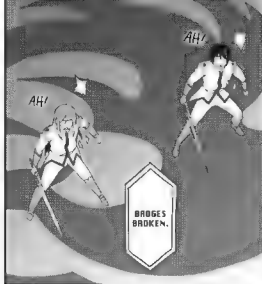
PHAM THI
TRAN-SAN, AN
ALUMNA OF JIE
LONG SEVENTH
INSTITUTE, WILL
SERVE AS OUR
COMMENTATOR.



DURING
THAT TIME,
A FIELD
OF 256
COMPETING
TEAMS
WILL BE
NARROWED
DOWN TO
THE BEST
32.

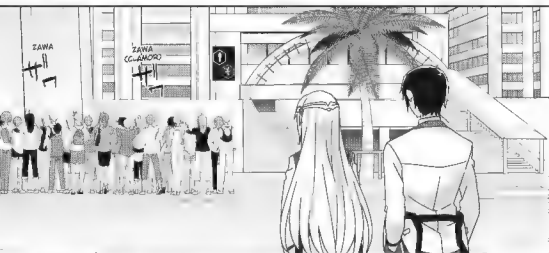
THE FESTA
TAKES PLACE
OVER TWO
WEEKS.

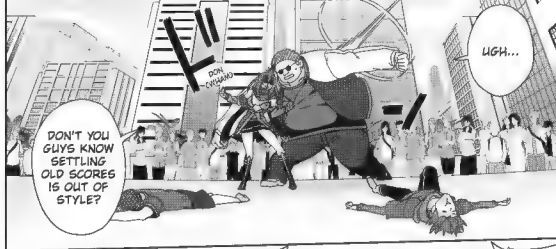








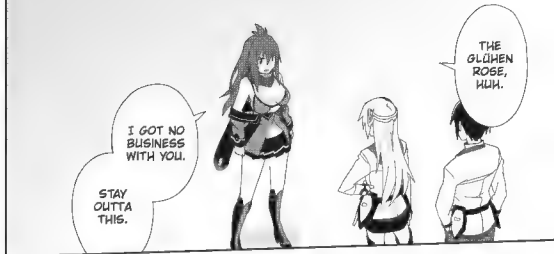


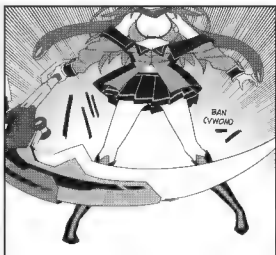












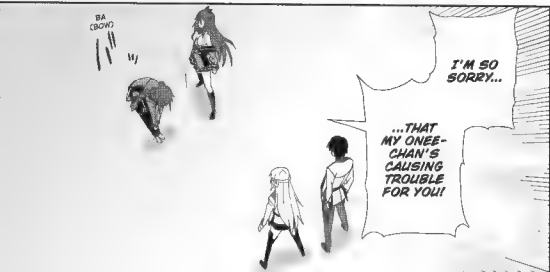


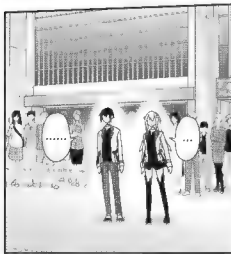




AFTER
I TOLD YOU
AGAIN AND
AGAIN TO
STAY OUT OF
TROUBLE!

ARE YOU
GETTING
INTO
FIGHTS
AGAIN,
SISI?



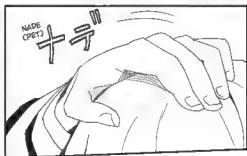


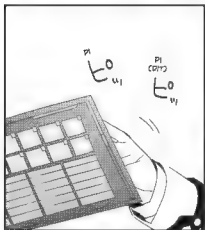


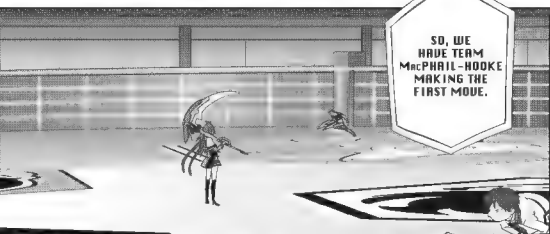
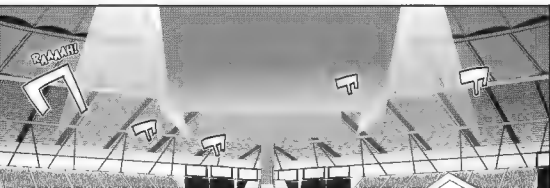


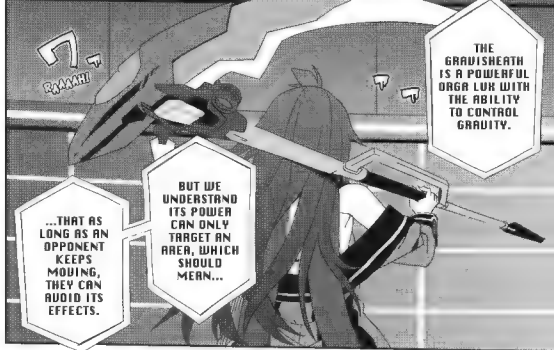








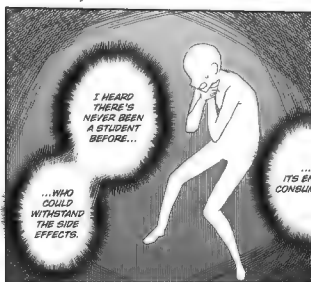




THE
GRAVISEATH
IS A POWERFUL
ORGA LUX WITH
THE ABILITY
TO CONTROL
GRAVITY.

...THAT AS
LONG AS AN
OPPONENT
KEEPS
MOVING,
THEY CAN
AVOID ITS
EFFECTS.

BUT WE
UNDERSTAND
ITS POWER
CAN ONLY
TARGET AN
AREA, WHICH
SHOULD
MEAN...



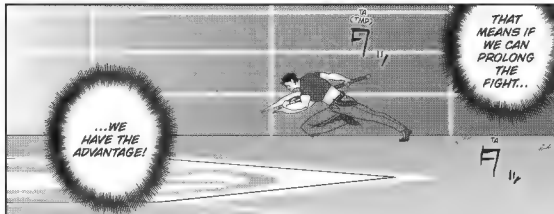
I HEARD
THERE'S
NEVER BEEN
A STUDENT
BEFORE...

...WHO
COULD
WITHSTAND
THE SIDE
EFFECTS.

...IS
ITS ENERGY
CONSUMPTION.

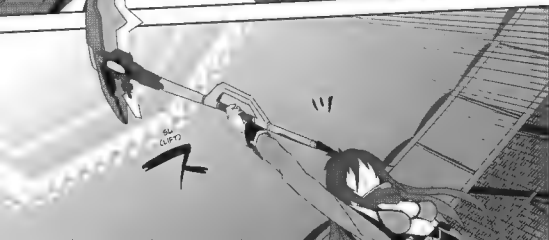


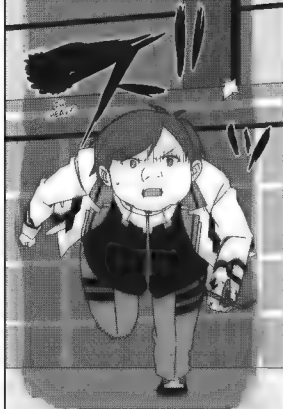
THE
GRAVI-
SHEATH'S
BIGGEST
WEAK-
NESS



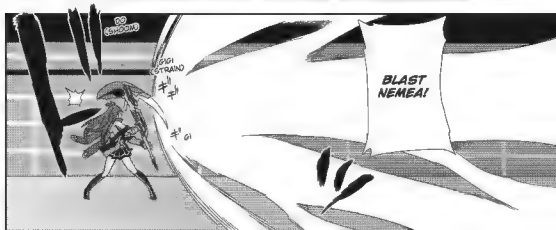
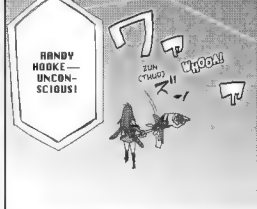
...WE
HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE!

THAT
MEANS IF
WE CAN
PROLONG
THE
FIGHT...



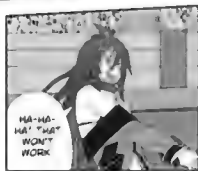
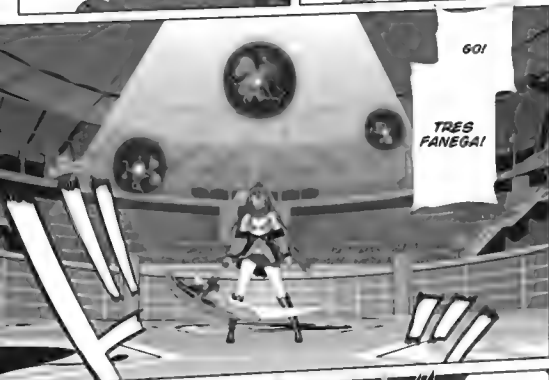














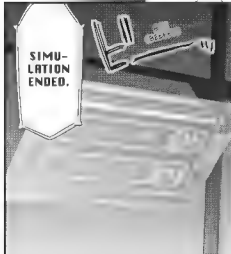
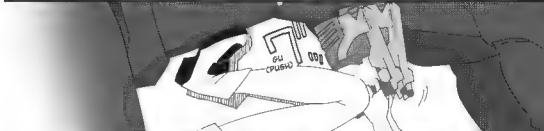
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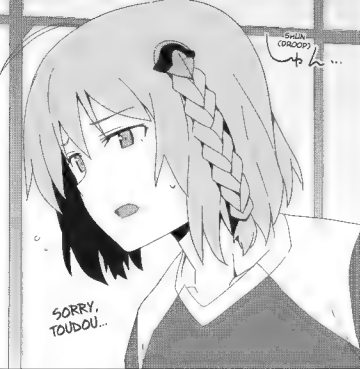


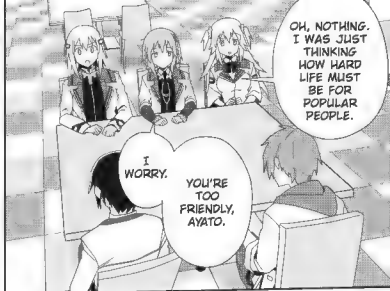
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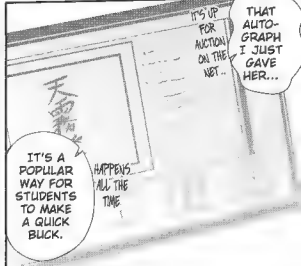


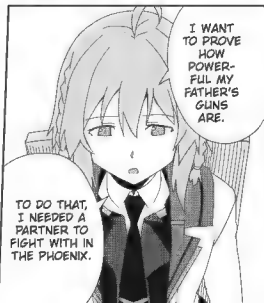






SIGNATURE: AMAOIRI







LOOK WHO'S TALKING.

...YOU AND AYATO HAVEN'T BEEN PARTNERS FOR VERY LONG EITHER.



HA HA

WELL, IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW FAR A HASTILY FORMED TEAM CAN GET.



MRK...

WHIMPER

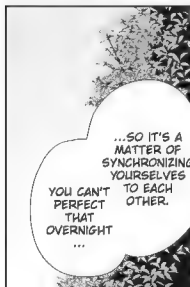


WH-EX-CUSE ME!

BAN CBAND

WE'RE BETTER AT WORKING AS A TEAM THAN YOU TWO ARE!

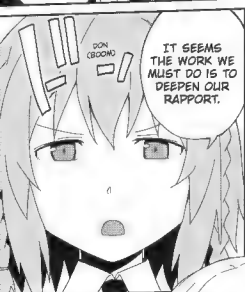
HA HA HA

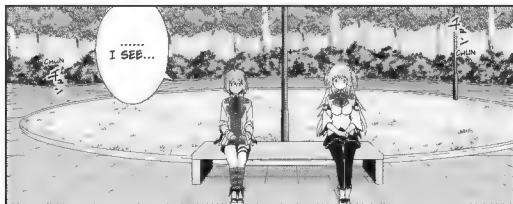
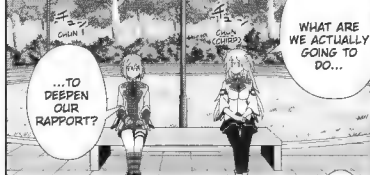


...SO IT'S A MATTER OF SYNCHRONIZING YOURSELVES TO EACH OTHER. YOU CAN'T PERFECT THAT OVERNIGHT ...



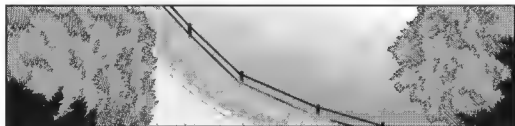
AS FAR AS TECHNIQUE, NEITHER OF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ...



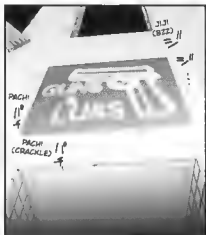














KIRA
(SPARKLE)

A
DK-44 V
MODEL!

CUSTOM
SPECS
FOR HRMS
SPECIAL
OPS...!



HMI
THAT'S
...!



IS THE
GENERATOR
THE REAL
DEAL?

CHA
(CHRS)



ゴゴ
(TENSE)

YOU
KNOW
YOUR
STUFF,
MISSY.

HUH...
SO
THAT'S
THE ONE
THAT
CATCHES
YOUR
EYE?



NOT AN
ISSUE. I'LL
TAKE IT.

NI
(SMILE)



SURE
IS.

BUT AS
YOU CAN
SEE, IT'S
A HUNKA
JUNK.

THE THING'S
TOTALLY
BUSTED.
THAT OKAY
WITH YOU?



GOOD
SHOPPING
TRIP.

NIKO
(BEAM)



THIS MODEL
USES A SPECIAL
GENERATOR THAT'S
RELEVANT TO
HIS RESEARCH.

SO A
GENUINE
ARTICLE
THAT
ISN'T—
EVEN
IF IT'S
BROKEN—
IS A
PRETTY
RARE FIND.

BUT IT HAS
STABILITY
PROBLEMS,
AND MOST OF
THEM GET
MODIFIED.



UM...
IS THAT
FOR YOUR
FATHER?

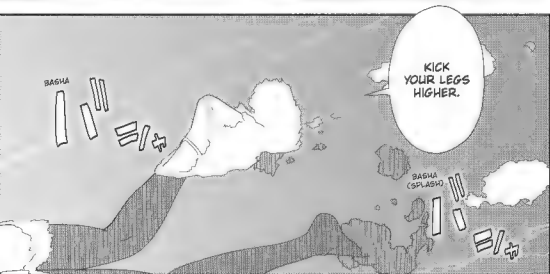
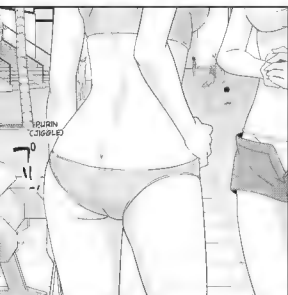
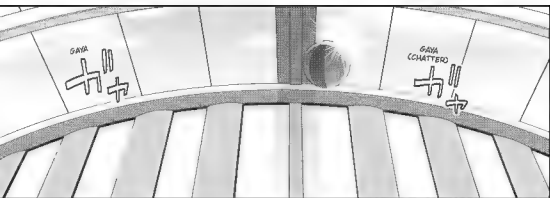


THIS WILL
DEFINITELY BE
USEFUL FOR
HIS WORK.

I SEE...
THAT'S
GOOD!

HEE-HEE.

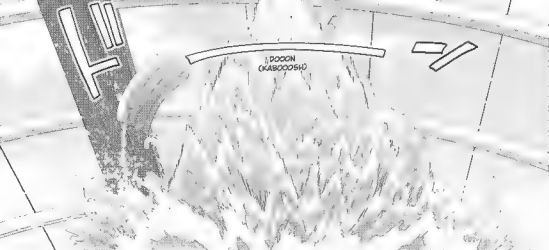




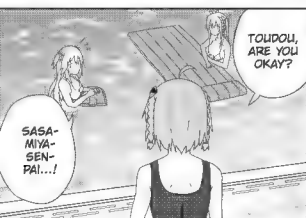


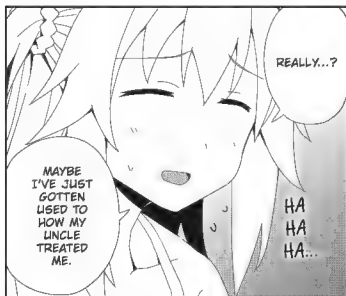
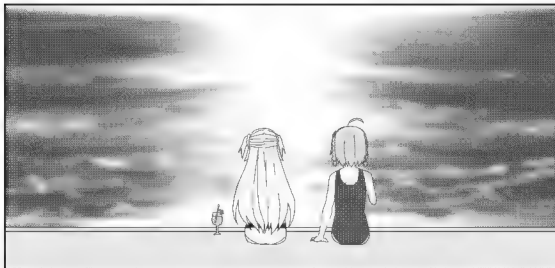












DON
(BOOM)

YOU
SHOULD TAKE
MORE PRIDE
IN YOURSELF.

THEN YOU
SHOULD GET
UN-USED
TO IT.

PRIDE
...?

...THEY
DON'T
NEGATE
THE
THINGS
THAT ARE
GOOD
ABOUT
YOU.

じわ...

JIWA
(TEARS)

EVEN
IF YOU
HAVE SOME
WEAKER
ONES...

YOU
HAVE LOTS
OF GOOD
QUALITIES,
TODOU.

I KNOW
JUST
FROM
SPENDING
A LITTLE
TIME
WITH
YOU.

PORO
(DRIP)

THANK
YOU...





I COULD
FEEL IT
WHEN
I WATCHED
YOU DUEL
HIM.



...BECAUSE
YOU USE A
SWORD...

...THE
SAME WAY
AYATO
DOES.



A SWORD
WIELDED
WITH
FOCUSED
INTENT...

...SINCERITY,
AND DIGNITY.

AND THAT
MADE ME
THINK...

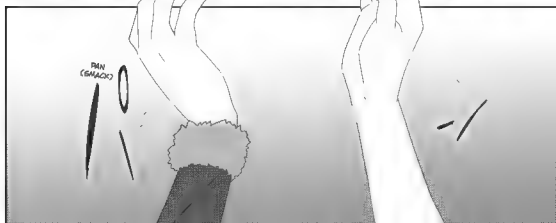
...THAT
WE'D BE
SURE TO
GO FAR.

NIKO
(SMILE)



GURU
(SNIFFLE)

...YEAH!



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SEVENTH
DAY OF
THE
PHOENIX
— SIRIUS
DOME

WINNERS—
RYATO
AMAGIRI
AND...

...JULIS-
ALEXIA VON
RIESSFELD!

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THEY WERE
DOMINANT
AGAIN
TODAY!

CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT
THEY'LL SHOW
US IN THE MAIN
TOURNAMENT.

TEAM
AMAGIRI-
RIESSFELD WAS
ADVANCED OUT
OF BLOCK C
TO THE MAIN
TOURNAMENT!

THEY
ALSO TOOK
ROUNDS ONE
AND TWO
WITH THEIR
OVER-
WHELMING
STRENGTH.

WOW,
ARE
THESE
TWO
STRONG!



BUT
THE REAL
FIGHT IS
AHEAD.



YUP,
SO FAR,
SO GOOD.

WHEW...
SO WE GOT
THROUGH
...

...THE
PRELIMINARY
MATCHES.



OTHER
THAN THOSE
TWO TEAMS,
THE JIE LONG
TWINS AND THE
PENDRAGON
TEAM...

...ARE
ALSO ON
THE LIST
OF THOSE
I'D LIKE
TO AVOID.



THE
BRACKET'S
BEING
ANNOUNCED
TOMORROW,
RIGHT?

I HOPE
WE DON'T
FACE SAYA
AND KIRIN
RIGHT
AWAY.

NOT JUST
THEM—
I WOULDN'T
WANT TO
FACE...
...THE
PUPPETS
FROM
ALLEKANT
TOO SOON
EITHER.



...THEN
THERE'S
LAMILEXIA.

AND,
WELL
...



HMM...

IN A
PURE
CLOSE-
RANGE
FIGHT,
MAYBE.



TO BE
HONEST,
I DON'T
THINK...

...I STAND
A CHANCE
AGAINST
HER ONE-
ON-ONE.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?



I DON'T
THINK SHE'D
BE ABLE TO
DO ANYTHING
DRASTIC
AT CLOSE
RANGE...

...DIFFER
FROM USER
TO USER.

AS FAR AS
I CAN TELL
FROM THE
DATA, THE
EFFECTS OF
THE GRAVI-
SHEATH'S
POWER...



...
BUT THE
BIGGEST
CONCERN
IS HER
SISTER.

REGEN-
ERA-
TIVE?

A REGEN-
ERATIVE, OF
ALL THINGS.

HEALED!

MM-HMM

THAT
MEANS A
TYPE OF
DANTE OR
STREGA...

BUT
SHE'S AN
EXTRAOR-
DINARY
ONE.

...WHO
CAN HEAL
THEIR OWN
WOUNDS—
THAT IS,
REGENERATE.



AH!

SO THAT'S
HOW THEY
DEAL WITH THE
GRAVISHEATH'S
HIGH ENERGY
COST...?

SHE CAN
PROBABLY
EVEN
REGENERATE
LOST BODY
PARTS.

IF SHE CAN
NOT ONLY HEAL
INJURIES, BUT
ALSO RESTORE
LOST BLOOD,
THAT WOULD
PLACE HER
IN THE TOP
TIER.



RIGHT...
QUITE AN
ACE IN THE
HOLE.

HAA...





I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO WATCH THE LOTTERY IN PERSON.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, JULIS?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS?



HAA...

A LOT OF CHORES FROM HOME HAVE BEEN PILING UP...

I WAS GOING TO SPEND THE DAY MAKING CALLS AND TAKING CARE OF PAPER-WORK.



YES, MA'AM.

...PLEASE STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, WILL YOU?

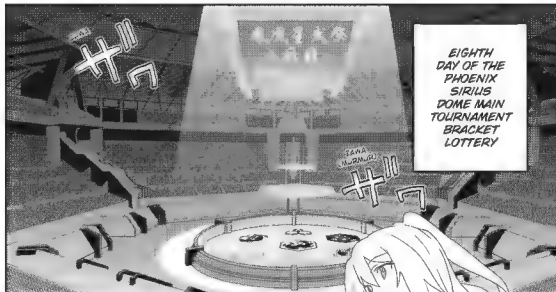


...UNTIL THE BRACKET IS POSTED TOMORROW.

WELL, WHATEVER. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...



I DON'T THINK I NEED TO TELL YOU THIS EVERY TIME, BUT ...



EIGHTH
DAY OF THE
PHOENIX
SIRIUS
DOME MAIN
TOURNAMENT
BRACKET
LOTTERY

SIGN: PHOENIX TOURNAMENT, DAY EIGHT, MAIN TOURNAMENT BRACKET LOTTERY



AH, YEAH.
THANKS.

FIRST
OF ALL,
CONGRATU-
LATIONS ON
ADVANCING.



I'LL DO
THE BEST
I CAN.

...ALL THE
OTHER TEAMS
ARE AMAZING,
THOUGH.
IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'LL BE
TOUGH.



I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO SEEING
YOU COMPETE
IN THE MAIN
TOURNAMENT.









I'M REALLY SORRY! I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU, I PROMISE!



YOU'LL MAKE IT UP TO ME? I'VE GOT HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR YOU, THEN.

BUT I REALLY WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

I DO BEG YOUR PARDON. THAT WAS CRUEL OF ME.

FU
FU.



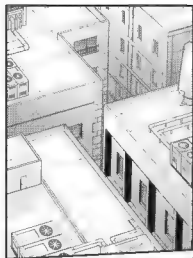
...COME ON, CLAUDIA, GO EASY ON ME.











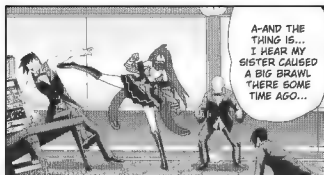
SIX PA (RELEASE)





...BUT
WHAT WAS
ALL THAT
ABOUT?

IT'S
FINE...



A-AND THE
THING IS...
I HEAR MY
SISTER CAUSED
A BIG BRAWL
THERE SOME
TIME AGO...



OH—
BUT
PLEASE
DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA!



I THINK
THOSE
MEN
WERE
FROM A
CASINO
IN THE
ROT-
LIGHT.



...BUT
SHE'S
REALLY A
VERY NICE
PERSON!

WA
(BLURT)

MY SISTER
IS A LITTLE
VIOLENT
AND SHORT-
TEMPERED,
FOR SURE...

ONEE-
CHAN—
I MEAN
—









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W-W-W-W-
WE'VE GOT
TROUBLE,
MR. PRESI-
DENT!

LE WOLFE
BLACK
INSTITUTE
— OFFICE
OF THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

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BAN
(BAND)

...WHAT
IS IT?

...BUT MISS
URZAIZ SAYS
SHE WOULD
LIKE A WORD
WITH YOU...

W-WELL,
THIS IS
RATHER
SUDDEN...

DOON
(KABOOM)

GATA
GATA

GATA
(TREMBLED)

GATA



HEY, DIRK.
SORRY TO
BOTHER YA.

GOO
(FWOO)

ZA...
HU... (STEP)



I DON'T
SEE PEOPLE
WITHOUT AN
APPOINTMENT.

...
WHAT'RE
YOU
TRYING
TO DO,
IRENE?
I'M
BUSIER
THAN
I LOOK.

O
(DOOSH)

ON



I
THOUGHT
THE CATS
ARE
SUPPOSED
TO BE...

...WITH
HER WHEN
I'M NOT
THERE.

OR
DID YOU
FORGET
THAT
PART!?



...PRIS-
CILLA
WAS
ATTACKED
TODAY.

AND HER
PROTECTION
WAS INCLUDED
IN OUR
CONTRACT.

GIN
(GLARE)





HEY,
IRENE.



TCH.
CATS IN
HERE?



WHO WILL
SUFFER
THE MOST
IF I'M
GONE?



THE
CATS JUST
COULDN'T
COME OUT
INTO THE
OPEN THIS
TIME...

...BECAUSE
THAT
SEIDOUKAN
BRAT GOT
INVOLVED.

THEY
CAN'T LET
THEMSELVES
BE SEEN.



...RGH.



WITH THINGS
AS THEY ARE,
IT'S GONNA
BE HARD
FOR ME TO
FIGHT HIM...

...SO I'M
GONNA
SETTLE
THIS
MYSELF.
DON'T
INTERFERE.



YEAH,
AND THE
BRAT
SAVED
HER.

SO THE
FACT IS,
I OWE
HIM NOW.



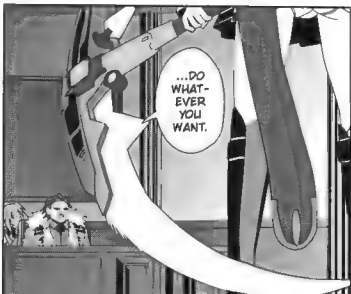
SO WHAT
DO YOU
WANT ME
TO DO
ABOUT
IT?



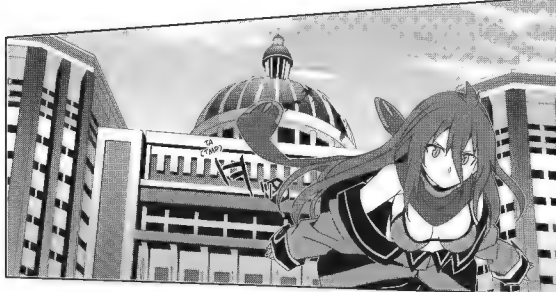
ZA
(STEP)

HMPH.

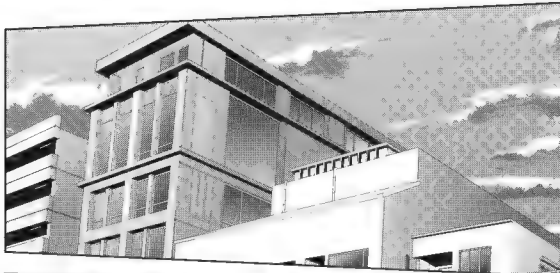
...DO
SORRY TO
BOTHR
YA.



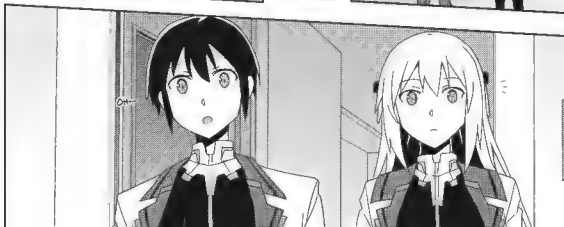
...DO
WHAT-
EVER
YOU
WANT.





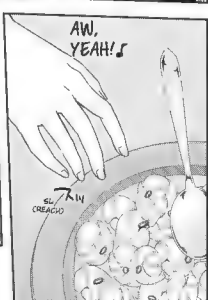


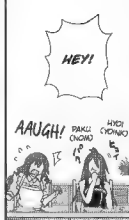
















LET ME
TELL YOU
A STORY.



AND
IT WAS
IN THAT
COUNTRY
WHERE
I WAS
BORN.

...THERE WAS A
SMALL COUNTRY
IN SOUTHERN
EUROPE THAT,
OUTSIDE OF THE
BIG CITIES, WAS
NOTHING BUT
SLUMS.

AS THE
IEF'S
POWER
STRUG-
GLE
INTEN-
SIFIED...



AND IN THAT
PLACE, WE
DIDN'T EVEN
HAVE THE
REQUIRED
APTITUDE
EXAMINATIONS
FOR
GENESTELLA.

EVEN MOST
GENESTELLA
WOULD HAVE
DIED FROM
THAT. BUT THE
NEXT DAY, MY
SISTER HAD
RECOVERED.

SO
THAT WAS
HOW WE
FOUND OUT
PRISCILLA
WAS A
REGENER-
ATIVE.



THERE
WERE OLD
BUILDINGS
ABANDONED
SINCE THE
INERTIA.

AND ONE
DAY, ONE
OF THEM
COLLAPSED.
WITH
PRISCILLA
IN IT.



SEE,
PRISCILLA?



THESE NICE
PEOPLE WANT
YOUR HELP.



THE CONTRACT
OUR PARENTS
SIGNED HAD
THE NOTORIOUS
WORDS "SPECIAL
COMMITMENT
SCHOLARSHIP."

WHICH
MEANS A
STUDENT
WITH NO
RIGHT TO
PROTEST
NO MATTER
WHAT'S
DONE TO
THEM. A
SPECIMEN.

IT
WASN'T LONG
BEFORE
THE SCOUTS
FROM
ALLEKANT
CAME.

...HAVING
A KID
WHO'S A
GENESTELLA
IS LIKE
FINDING
A GOLDEN
GOOSE.

IN A
POOR
COUN-
TRY...

THAT
WAS
WHEN
HE
FOUND
US.

ABOUT THREE
DAYS AFTER
WE RAN AWAY,
WE WERE
HOLED UP IN
AN ABANDONED
HOUSE...

HEY.

YOU
IRENE
URZAIZ
?

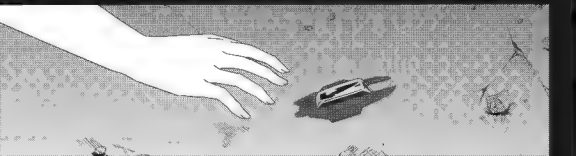
I DIDN'T QUITE
BELIEVE
WE
COULD ESCAPE.
I HAD NO IDEA
WHERE TO GO.

THAT
NIGHT...

...I LEFT
AND I TOOK
HER WITH
ME.

AND
THEN, IT
HAPPENED
LIKE
THIS...

USE
THIS.





THIS
WAS
POWER.

THE
POWER I
NEEDED TO
PROTECT
MY SISTER.

THE
SECOND I
ACTIVATED
IT, I UNDER-
STOOD.



MY WISH
IS.....



ALL RIGHT.
TELL ME
YOUR WISH.

...
HMPH.
SO YOU
PASS.



...OR WHO
THIS GUY
WAS, BUT I
ANSWERED
WITHOUT
HESITATING.

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
WHAT
WAS
GOING
ON...

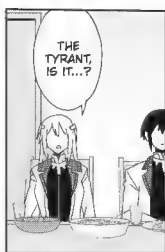


DIDN'T COME
CHEAP...

...BUT
YOU CAN
WORK IT
OFF.

I JUST
BOUGHT YOUR
SISTER BACK.

GOGO
(TENSION)







PAA
(GLOW)

IT'S
SEAFOOD
AND MUSH-
ROOM
PAELLA.

THANKS FOR
WAITING!

OH, THIS
LOOKS
DELICIOUS
TOO.

YAY!

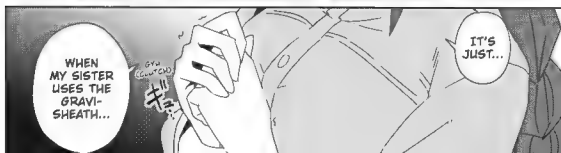
YEAH!

COME ON,
SIS. HURRY
UP AND
SERVE OUR
GUESTS.

MM-HMM!

PRISCILLA'S
PAELLA IS
A REAL
MASTER-
PIECE. YOU
BETTER
ENJOY IT.

UM...
I'M SORRY
ABOUT MY
SISTER.



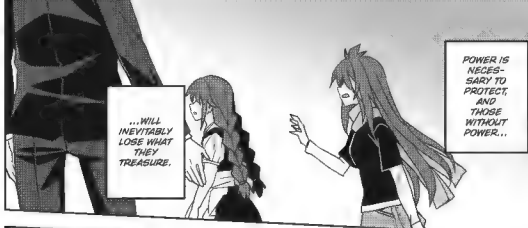


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...WILL
INEVITABLY
LOSE WHAT
THEY
TREASURE.

POWER IS
NECES-
SARY TO
PROTECT,
AND
THOSE
WITHOUT
POWER..



...
REQUIRES
EVEN
GREATER
POWER.

AND
REGAINING
WHAT'S
BEEN
LOST...

EVEN MORE
POWER IS
NECESSARY
TO GAIN
SOMETHING.



SMILE
(SLIP)

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THESE
ARE THE
PRINCIPLES
THAT GUIDE
IRENE
URZAIZ.



IT DIDN'T
REALLY FIX
ANYTHING.

THINK-
ING
BACK
ON IT
NOW...

...ALL THAT
HAPPENED WAS
A CHANGE IN
DESTINATION,
FROM ALLEKANT
TO LE WOLFE.



AND MOST
IMPORTANTLY,
HE GAVE HER
THE POWER.

...THE
TIME AND
OPPORTUNITY
TO GET
PRISCILLA
BACK.



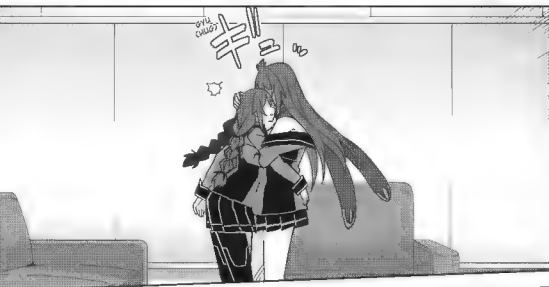
STILL,
DIRK
GAVE
IRENE
...



MM

AH...

THAT'S
ALL SHE
NEEDS.





WHADDAYA
SAY WE
TAKE CARE
OF SOME
BUSINESS
?

ALL
RIGHT.

EVERY
JOB
THAT
SHE
FINISHES
...

...BRINGS
HER
CLOSER TO
PRISCILLA.

SO RIGHT
NOW, SHE
HAS NO
CHOICE BUT
TO FIGHT.



OH,
RIGHT.
IT IS.

HM...



WELL,
IT'S
ALMOST
TIME.





WE WORK
TOGETHER
AND FIGHT
SIDE BY
SIDE.



WE'RE
PARTNERS.

IF
WE CAN
WIN BY
FIGHTING
THE
WAY YOU
WANT TO...
THEN
LET'S
DO IT.



THANK
YOU.

JULIS...



...THERE
IS SOME-
THING
I WANT
TO TRY.

WELL,
I'M NOT
SURE
IF IT'LL
WORK,
BUT...



YOU
DUMMY.

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO
THANK ME
FOR.





RAAAAH!

OKAY!

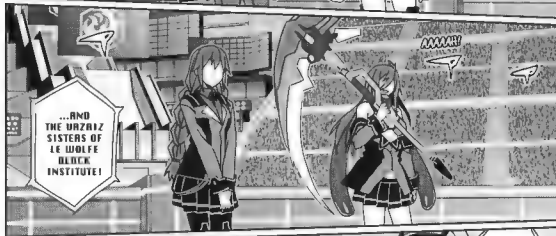
ROUND FOUR'S BEEN A STRING OF THRILLING BATTLES IN EVERY STADIUM!

THE CONTESTANTS FOR TODAY'S FINALE HERE AT THE SIRIUS DOME...



AAAAH!

...WILL BE TEAM AMAGIRI-RIESSFELD OF SEIDOUKIN ACADEMY...



AAAAH!

...AND THE UZARIZ SISTERS OF LE WOLFE BLACK INSTITUTE!



...TO THE TOP SIXTEEN?

WHICH TEAM WILL ADVANCE ...

DOES THAT GIVE SEIDOU-KAN'S TEAM THE EDGE IN A PRO-LONGED FIGHT?

BUT IRENE UNZAIZ'S GARUI-SHEATH CONSUMES A LOT OF ENERGY...

THIS IS A FIGHT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO.

SO I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S THAT CUT AND DRIED.

HMM—

WELL, WITH PRISCILLA, IRENE HAS A REFUELING STATION, SO TO SPEAK.

BOTH OF THESE TWO TEAMS MADE IT THROUGH THE PRELIMINARIES WITHOUT GIVING THEIR OPPONENTS A CHANCE, SO...
...I THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE A WATER-SHED MOMENT.

AYATO, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.

HAA

THEY ALWAYS OVERSIMPLIFY THINGS.

LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME, THEN.

I HAVE TO AGREE.

...NOT THAT YOU'LL LISTEN.

THEY'RE NOT OPPONENTS WE CAN BEAT IF I DON'T.

NI (GAWRO)

ニャ...



...AND
UNCHAIN
MY
POWER!

BY THE
SWORD
WITHIN
ME, I
BREAK
FREE
OF THIS
PRISON OF
STARS...



ALL FIRED
UP, HUH,
AMAGIRI.

DOA
(BOOM)



KUA
(SHOUT)

—
KNOWN
AND LOVED
BY NOW!

THERE
IT IS!
AMR-
GIRI'S
SIGNA-
TURE
EN-
TRANCE



...I
BETTER
CATCH
UP!

WELL,
THEN...



BEGIN!

YEEEAH!

PHOENIX,
ROUND
FOUR,
MATCH
ELEVEN—

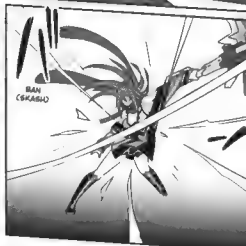
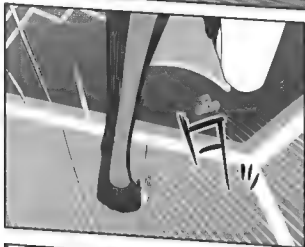
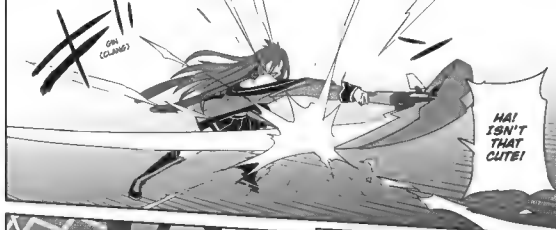


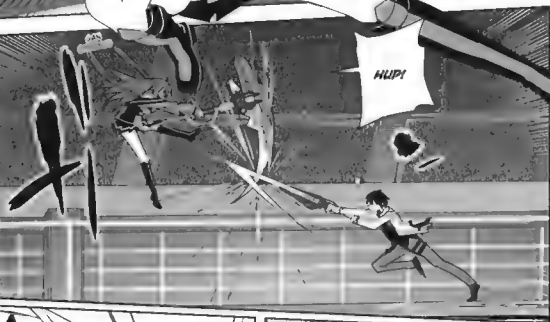
BURST
INTO
BLOOM
—

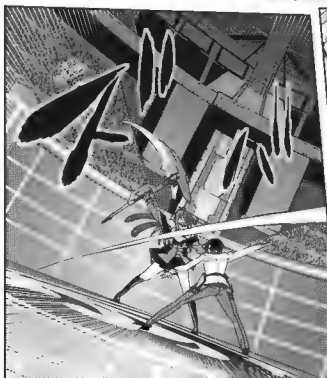


GO!

LIVING-
STON
DAISY!







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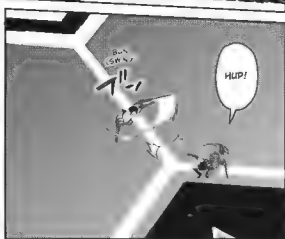
QUITE A
SHOW, NO
MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES YOU
SEE IT

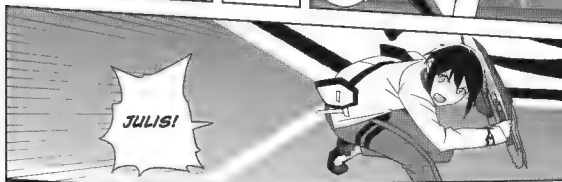
THAT
OPENING
FROM
AMAGIR.



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BAA
(PSHOOO)

—
ORREAGA
PESADO.



...BUT SO
WAS THE
ELDER
URZAIZ'S
DEFENSIVE
SKILL!

THE
TEAMWORK
OF AMAGIRI
AND
RIESSFELD
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
TO SEE...

WH-
WHAT AN
AMAZING
EXCHANGE!



BACK TO
SQUARE
ONE...HUH?





HEY,
SORRY
FOR THE
WAIT.

READY FOR
ANOTHER
ROUND?

JOSSA
(MURMUR)

!!
+
...



I'M
DONE
SET-
TING
UP ON
MY
END.

IF YOU
WANT TO
TAKE
YOUR
SHOT,
NOW'S
THE
TIME.



DO YOU
REALLY
BELIEVE
THAT WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING IS
RIGHT?

YOU'RE
HURTING
THE
ONE YOU
WANT TO
PROTECT
...



KYU
(SQUEAK)

THEN
WHY—?



...
SHUT
UP,
AMA-
GIRI.

YOUR
LITTLE
LECTURES
ARE THE
LAST THING
I NEED
RIGHT
NOW.



GAGAG-GI
(SHREBB)

TCHI!

WHAT
—?

GUO
(CLINGS)

DIDN'T
THINK
YOU'D
COME
AFTER
THE
GRAVI-
SHEATH
...!

OH, I
GET IT
NOW.



WELL,
NOW
IT'S MY
TURN...!

—DIEZ
MIL
FANEGA!



BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY TO
MISS WITH
THESE...!

I
KNOW MY
FLAWS
...

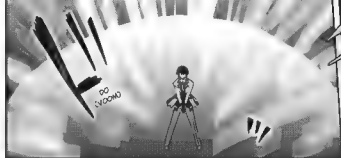
MY
CONTROL
ISN'T
GREAT.



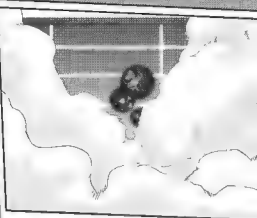
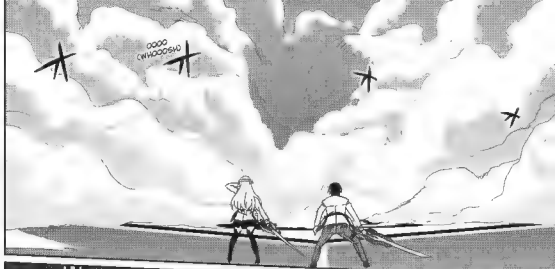
I'M
GONNA
CRUSH
YOU!

YES —
I KNOW!

JULIS!







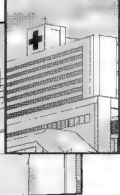
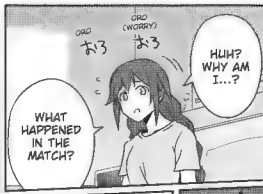


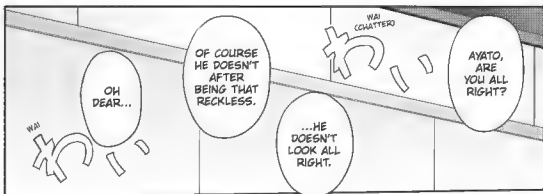




IRENE URZAIZ,
PRISCILLA
URZAIZ—
UNCONSCIOUS!







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Afterword

Hi again. Ningen here.

Thanks to all your support, the manga adaptation of *The Asterisk War* has crossed the Volume 5 mark.

The well-received second season of the anime finished airing as well. Along with the original novels, of course, all of the adaptations make that universe so much more exciting. But the manga will stop here for the time being. It's a little like the pause between seasons of an anime.

Thinking back on it, I've spent almost three and a half years dabbling in the world of Asterisk so intricately imagined by Mr. Yuu Miyazaki and the illustrator okiura.

I've been constantly feeling out how much wiggle room I'd have adapting and reshaping Mr. Miyazaki's solidly structured work. I think I may have been able to touch on some things that the anime didn't get to, while the storytelling is more informal than the novels.

To me, there is no greater pleasure than knowing that fans of the novels, the anime, the game, and many others have enjoyed my work.



Last but not least, thank you so much to Mr. Miyazaki and Okiura, to the Media Factory editorial department, and to Shimada and Jou Yukino and Karateka for all their help!

Until we meet again!



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